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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Harry R. LAYNE et al.

Serial No. : 10/004,108

Filed: December 6, 2001

For:

LINTEL BLOCK AND METHOD

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Patent Art Unit: 3637

Examiner: Dennis Dorsey

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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The election/restriction requirement dated June 27, 2003 holds that this application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species I, shown in Figures 1-6 – Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-21;

Species II, shown in Figures 7-10 – Claims 1-21; and

Species III, shown in Figures 11-14 - Claims 1-21.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that at least claim 1 is generic.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the Species II illustrated in Figures 7-10, without traverse. The embodiment of the lintel block illustrated in Figures 7-10 is directed to a lintel block a longitudinal reinforcing bar fixed to the spacers.

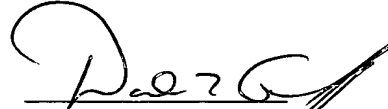
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-21 since they read on the elected species shown in Figures 7-10.

Appl. No. 10/004,108  
Amendment dated July 28, 2003  
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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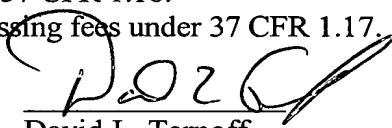
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